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SISTER JAN

Sister Jan Syme

Lead me, worship

Preparation

Workshops on Childrens Evangelism

Sister Jan Syme commenced her ministry at St. John's Launceston in February 1984 as a newly Commissioned Church Army Officer. Her Job Description set her the task of training parishioners for their role in ministry. The Rector and his Vestry were concerned that too much responsibility rested on too few and some areas of ministry were increasingly dependent on outsiders. February 1984 was the commencement of a bad year because of tensions and disagreements in the Parish, not the most ideal way to get launched. Yet Sister Jan has weathered the storm, even if the storm has in some ways weathered her. She has proved the Lord to be her 'sufficiency' and strength.

Jan has worked hard and her work has been of excellent quality. She will leave behind a small army of committed people who are now providing the ministry in many areas of parish outreach and evangelism. Two people will teach 'Bethel' next year in the congregation stage, one has already been involved and established in this ministry in 1986. The mid-year school vacations have both become an occasion for outreach ministry to children. On the initiative of the Rector, Sister Jan has involved over sixty parishioners in 'Klomp Club' (Kids Love Our Mission Program), and the September program was completely lead and run by parishioners. Much time has been spent with Sunday School Teachers, Youth Group and Children's ministry workers, encouraging them, broadening their vision and skill in program planning, content, variety and resources. Jan has worked with the Rector in helping to run Parish and Confirmation Camps, both of which have involved leadership participation by members of the congregation. Jan has provided strategic back-up to the Rector with the Confirmation Classes and his deliberate objective to win Candidates for Christ, with some exciting results. Praise the Lord!

Sister Jan has also been involved regularly with one of the 'Double F' groups (Faith and Fellowship); has been Convenor of the Parish Evangelism Committee; assisted in the Hospital Chaplaincy ministry; taught weekly classes of Religious Education in one Primary School; and co-ordinated the Parish Education Program. In the latter area a wide range of short courses were introduced in 1986 which have proved popular with the congregation and made a positive impact on the Parish. These courses included 'Bethel', 'Caring', 'Dynamic Christian Living', 'Cults', 'Prayer', and 'Friendship Evangelism'.

Sister Jan has been involved in the leadership of worship, including the experience of preaching occasionally. Pastoral work has been mainly limited to the immediate areas of concern but of necessity extended further where the need arose. Her contribution to the life of the Parish has been tremendous. However, most praise and thanks will come from the many individuals who have grown and matured because of the experience, training and self-confidence gained through the leadership and example of Sister Jan.

Editor,
This Report is from the Rev. E. Horth, Rector of St. John's, Launceston, Tasmania, during Sister Syme's ministry in the Parish. Sister Jan Syme is now Parish Evangelist at All Souls' Anglican Church, Leichhardt, Sydney, N.S.W.

NEWS

Church Army Movements

SISTER GAI ATWELL from Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. — Appointment pending.

CAPTAIN EVAN COCKER from Manuka, Canberra to Parish Evangelist, Port Lincoln, Diocese of Willochra.

CAPTAIN KEN FOLEY, from Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Evangelist in Charge, Brewarrina, Diocese of Bathurst.

SISTER JANE HENRY from Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Parish Youth Worker and Evangelist, St John's Raymond Terrace, Diocese of Newcastle.

CAPTAIN MICHAEL LAZARUS from Dingley, Victoria to Parish Evangelist, Heatley (Townsville), Diocese of North Queensland.

CAPTAIN GRAEME LIERSCH from The Gap, Brisbane to Director of Evangelism and Youth and Children's Ministry, Parish of Coffs Harbour, Grafton Diocese.

CAPTAIN MARK ROGERS from Waratah (Newcastle) to Parish Evangelist, Canterbury, Sydney Diocese.

CAPTAIN WARREN SMITH from Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W., to Parish Assistant with special responsibility to Youth and Evangelism, Cessnock, Diocese of Newcastle.

CAPTAIN JOHN SYMONS from Leave of Absence to Church Officer in the Anglican Parish of Derby, Diocese of North West Australia.

SISTER JAN SYME from St. John's, Launceston, Tasmania to Parish Evangelist, All Souls', Leichhardt, Sydney Diocese.

CAPTAIN BARRY THATCHER from Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W., to Pastoral Youth Worker, St. Mark's, Revesby, Sydney Diocese.

WILLS & BEQUESTS

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AND REMEMBER GOD'S WORK IN YOUR WILL

The Church Army has been in Australia for over 50 years. Through its Officers, men and women, its ministry has been felt in many Parishes. Our vision is to grow and to extend our ministry throughout Australia. You can support this vision by making a special and lasting gift to Church Army through your will.

For more information contact Wal Spencer, Church Army in Australia, P.O. Box 107, Frenchs Forest, N.S.W. 2086, or ring (02) 451 8395.

To:

PETER & GWEN ADKINS
Timothy Peter 4.1.'87

Peter Adkins is a second year student at the Church Army College of Evangelism.

CAPT. BRUCE GEEVES — Sister Lyn Bullard,

engaged to be married 5th Sept. 1987 at Coffs Harbour N.S.W.

MICHAEL CALDER — Wendy Redman

engaged to be married December 19th 1987 at Belmont N.S.W.

Michael Calder is a second year Church Army College student from New Zealand.

We regret to announce the death of Timothy, infant son of Captain Michael and Mrs Alison Lazarus and brother of Rebecca.

Timothy died suddenly after contracting menengitis, soon after arrival in the Lazarus's new Parish of Heatley (Townsville, Queensland).

We extend our love and sympathy to the Lazarus Family on their tragic loss.

RESIGNATIONS:
Capt. Peter Holmes

Sister Rae Kennedy

Sister Jenny Thomson

EDITORIAL What No Prayers?

Wal Spencer

No Christian can doubt the power of prayer! I know it's moved mountains in my life. But — just how can you effectively motivate and guide people in their daily prayer life?

Last year in the Pioneer we tried three different ways of presenting to our readers and supporters a Church Army Daily Prayer Guide. In the first issue of our magazine in 1986 we used the centrefold two pages. It was a 31 Day Prayer Cycle listing all Church Army Officers in Australia and other people and organisations etc. in Australia and overseas. Editorially and artistically it split the magazine in two and I think to many readers it was probably just a big list of names and places that tended to confuse rather than guide.

Next issue we tried a seven day Prayer Guide. We left off some of the overseas prayer requests which didn't seem too relevant to our readers. Also we cut down on details on some other requests. It was featured on one page only. The result was that some people felt left out and others felt that we, because of the number of daily prayer requests, asked people to do too much per day.

Last issue in 1986 we tried a separate Prayer Guide used as an insert in the Magazine. It was on coloured paper to make it stand out. It was a two-sided single leaf listing all Church Army Officers, Personnel and Associates etc. in Australia and many other Associates and organisations overseas. On it was a message from Rev. David Reay, the Church Army College Chaplain. This told of the relevance of prayer, of its practicality and power in our lives. On this Prayer Guide we weren't too specific as to what day to pray for which Officer etc.

Where do we go from here?

In this issue you will notice there is no Prayer Guide. It does **not** mean we have abandoned the idea; as the Editor of the Pioneer, I need your help to find the best way forward.

What are the problems involved; let me list them briefly.

As our Society grows in personnel and ministry it is difficult to fairly list every request on a 30 or 31 day Prayer Cycle. It's obviously even harder to do in 7 days.

The cost effectiveness of an annual multi-page Prayer Guide with lots of photos to identify prayer requests, personnel etc. must be questioned. Finally, how many people use Prayer Guides and when and how?

If you are like me, you don't like Questionnaires, so I've avoided this approach! All I ask is that you think about it, and most of all pray about it. Then share your ideas with me. Please write to me, Wal Spencer, Church Army, P. O. Box 107, Frenchs Forest N.S.W., 2086, or ring me on (02) 451-8395 or (02) 451-0928. If I'm out, talk to someone else at the Church Army Centre. They'll gladly listen to what ideas you have to share.

Whatever your response is to this article, please don't stop praying for Church Army and its ministries. We need your prayerful support more than ever!

WAL SPENCER
Publicity & Development

MISSIONS FOR 1987

1. **St Stephen's Dorrigo** (Diocese of Grafton)
   1st February to 2nd April. Missioners: Sr Lyn Bullard and Sr Sabina Fantoni.
2. **St Peter's Hornsby** (Diocese of Sydney)
   29th March to 5th April. Missioner: Dean Richard Hurford (see picture) and students.
3. **St Matthias' Denman** (Diocese of Newcastle)
   5th April to 12th April. Missioner: Captain Gilbert Page assisted by students Michael Calder and Wendy Tyrrell.
4. **St Bartholomew's Alstonville** (Diocese of Grafton)
   22nd May to 13th August. Missioners: Sr Lyn Bullard and Sr Sabina Fantoni.
5. **St Anne's Ryde** (Diocese of Sydney)
   21st June to 28th June. Missioner: Bishop Howell Witt. Associate Missioners: Rev Graeme MacRobb, Rev John Capper, Sr Wendy Capper and student Michael Calder. (Mission Co-ordinator: Captain Bruce Geeves.)
6. **St John's Asquith** (Diocese of Sydney)
   16th August to 23rd August. Missioner: Rev Graeme MacRobb and student team.
7. **St Mark's Brighton-le-Sands** (Diocese of Sydney)
   15th August to 1st December. Missioners: Sr Lyn Bullard and Sr Sabina Fantoni.
8. **St John's Raymond Terrace** (Diocese of Newcastle)
   30th August to 6th September. Missioner: Dean Richard Hurford and student team.
9. **St Peter's East Maitland** (Diocese of Newcastle)
   30th August to 6th September. Missioner: Rev Graeme MacRobb and student team.
10. **All Saints, Nelson Bay** (Diocese of Newcastle)
    27th September to 1st November. Missioner: Captain Gilbert Page and First Year students.